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From the President's Platen

by Tony Podraza

Have you ever heard of the term "Modulus"? I must admit that I surely never heard the term before January 3rd, 1993, but then, there's a lot that I haven't heard about. That's why User's groups were founded, to spread the news...to clarify terms and definitions...to instruct others in the whys and wherefores of a particular subject. Think of any gathering of people that you can...why do/did they gather? Same reason, plus the added attraction of having fun. I'm referring, of course, to non-combative gatherings. Wars don't count. Anyway, there are two non-combative gatherings in the immediate future for the users of the CoCo and the "NEXT" generation computers. Be sure to see the ads for times and dates...and do what you can to ensure the future support of the little computer that could...and did...AND DOES...wow the shorts off the user's of other comparable hardware and operating systems for a pittance of the amount of what they had to pay to accomplish the same thing. January, typically, is a month given over to reflection of what and how to change things for the better in the new year.

The best thing that I can come up with in that relation to Glenside's existence is to try to get these newsletters introductions done a bit closer to deadline. More than once, Dave has had to wait on me to wrap up an issue. By the

same token, there have been rumors of "membership benefits" that haven't yet been fulfilled. I truly hope to get those taken care of within the next three months. Please be patient. This month, if Dave can find room, I'm hoping that we will be able to publish the entire membership as of Dec 31, 1992, so you will know who and where your fellow members are. Hopefully, this will enable some of you, who don't have a "local" user's group to fall back on, to contact a relatively close CoCo'ist to get an answer to your questions and problems.

As of today's date, Jan. 24, the following vendors have given verbal assent to involvement in the Second Annual 'Last' Chicago CoCoFEST!: *Farna Systems; Kala Software; Strongware; Fat Cat Productions* (by representation); *Colorsystems; Mid-Iowa and Countryside CoCo Club* (tentative); *CoCoPRO!; Hawksoft; BARSoft*; and of course *Glenside*. If this is only the tip of the iceberg in relation to vendors, then we can hope to have a really decent show. Of course, a lot depends on the user turnout. So, talk it up! Spread the word via whatever means you have at your disposal; we are. You'll be seeing information appearing in Rainbow, OS-9 Underground, and UPTIME. If you can think of anywhere else the info can be spread, do two things, please: do what YOU can, and let me know of the others. But we have to move

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GLEN SIDE CLUB MEETINGS

The Glenside Color Computer Club meets on the second Thursday of each month, from 7:30 - 9:30 PM, at the Glendale Heights Public Library. Further info can be obtained from Tony Podraza at home 708-428-3576.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

February 11
March 11

A social get-together always occurs afterward at the Springfield Restaurant.

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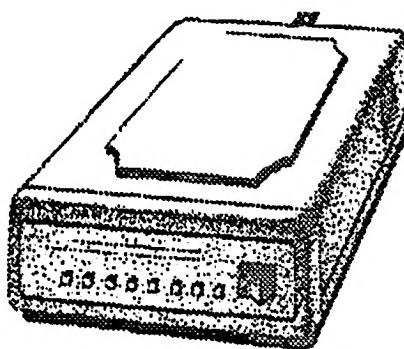
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fast...time is short, and the water is rising.

Oh yeah, for those of you who have heard of overseas OS-9 groups, there is a report that a contingent of the EUROS9 group is investigating the possibility of attending the 'FEST! in May.

And there is the vaguest chance that we may have visitors from Australia and Japan. But these are nothing more than ideas that are being kicked around, at this time. Just thought that you might want to hear the latest rumors.

Now, as for "Modulus", it is a function/command used in BASIC that performs an arithmetic operation on two operands and returns a result. For example, a modulus operation divides the first operand by the second operand and finds the remainder. The remainder is then returned as the result of the modulus operation (100/44=who cares with a remainder of 12; the result of 100 MOD 44 is 12). Now isn't that just what you always wanted to know?

January Meeting Review

By Howard Luckey

The meeting started at 7:35 PM and the first order of business was to introduce ourselves.

The club is still receiving letters and memberships related to the article about the club that appeared in a recent issue of

The Rainbow. Three letters were read and one of them from Charles Andrews in Alaska had a question about using Data Windows. I hope his letter appears in our newsletter so members can respond to his question.

Speaking of the newsletter some of us wondered where it was. The president announced that it was in the mail and we should be getting it soon. A new feature in it is a calendar of events.

Thanks to Mark Farrell the club now has a program to print the post office bar code on the address labels. This meant, for example, that the newsletter could be and in this case was sent using the commercial bulk rate which was a considerable savings. Especially since we are mailing over two-hundred newsletters.

We spent a lot of time discussing our upcoming Second Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! which was announced at this meeting. The dates are May 1 and 2, 1993 at the HOLIDAY INN ELGIN, 345 W. River Road (near I-90 and IL-31S), Elgin, Illinois. The room rate per night is \$52.00 plus 10% tax. Admission at the door is \$10.00 for a two day pass (no one day passes) or \$8.00 if purchased in advance.

To purchase tickets by mail send \$8.00 and a SASE or \$8.00 plus \$.50 for postage and handling to George Schneeweiss, Treasurer, RR#2 Box 67, Forrest, IL 61741-9629.

Items discussed related to the Fest

A suggestion to court local computer supply (paper, ribbons, disks, etc.) people to vend at the Fest. To be checked out.

Will there be seminars? Most likely yes. Speakers and topics to be developed.

Advertising? Contacting Uptime, The Rainbow, and OS-9 Underground, posting on Delphi, Compuserve, and other BBS's, and anywhere else we can think of.

Are we going to have T-shirts? Something to be checked out.

What is the budget? It seems to be working out very well. For example, if we were to have around only 200 people at \$8.00 per, we would have enough money to cover expenses. The price of the room is also very attractive with a lower price after a certain number of room nights are purchased. Scott Montgomery made an important point about the budget. He suggested that the club and the officers be careful not to go overboard with the idea that we might have a lot of money coming in and begin to overspend with money we don't have or won't have. Later Bob Swoger supported this suggestion.

Carl Boll said he had talked to Peter Tutelaers of The Netherlands and told us that Peter wants incentives to support the attendance of people from Europe, Japan, and Australia. Carl has a proposal to help attendees from Japan or Australia and asked if others would be willing to offer money contributions. Perhaps we can form some kind of super-users group.

Another topic was the announcement of the up coming Middle America CoCo Fest '93 to be presented by the Mid Iowa & Country CoCo on March 27 and 28. Someone asked if the club will have a booth, and Carl said that he was going and would man a booth. He wondered if anyone else was going and would be willing to help.

Bob Swoger took the podium and told the story of how member Chris Hawks was able to repair Jean Edwards' computer after Radio Shack had failed. Chris found a defective chip and replaced it. In the process Jean has been able to use the club's CoCo. Bob also made a comment about what to do with old computers especially in our case when some of us are giving up the CoCo and moving on to other systems. He said that when people give old computers to nonprofit organization they are often junked. He suggested that individuals deciding to change systems make a list of what they have to offer and that the rest of us staying with the CoCo consider buying backup systems or components. He has a number of backup computers for the system he uses.

Scott Montgomery announced that he will no longer be passing out the Disk of the Month. Carl Boll will do that for now.

The club needs a new librarian because Mr. Polk will no longer

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be taking care of the that. Paul Jerkatis volunteered to do this.

THE DEMO

This month Tony Podraza did a demo of OS-9 Profile the Tandy database program put out in 1984. Tony loaded the it and put it through its paces. Profile was originally made for the CoCo1 and 2 so to use it with a CoCo3 you have to do some patching. The database has a goodly number of capabilities: as many as nine screen formats, nine formats for printing or displaying reports, up nine sorting methods, three sorting levels, reports can be sent to the printer, the screen, to disk or to another device, fields can be calculated in relation to other fields, dynamic menus that show only the options currently available, interfacing with the OS-9 operating system, and the ability to read Dynacalc files or save database info in Dynacalc format. You can have as many records as you have space for on you disks, etc. Thank you Tony for the demo.

Then we closed up shop and went to the restaurant for the meeting after the meeting.

History Of The CoCo

By Alfredo Santos

This is the fifth in the series of articles presented by Alfredo Santos. These files were originally downloaded from Delphi and are reprinted with the author's permission.

THE FIFTH YEAR (July '84 - June '85)

The CoCo turns 4 years old in July, at the same time Radio Shack's TRS-80 MICROCOMPUTING NEWS published its last issue.

The RAINBOW celebrates its third anniversary with yet another innovative feature, a scratch 'n sniff adventure game. The issue also contains a complete index of articles and reviews which have appeared in the magazine since its beginning. Rumors appear about a new Radio Shack keyboard, and the folding of Chromasette!

A new product called TELE-FORM is marketed by CIGNA. The software enables mail-merge with Telewriter.

In August, TCCM is the subject of "going out of business" rumors, Bob Rosen puts BBS #5 "on the air" in San Jose, and rumors circulate in England that TANDY is interested in the floundering Dragon Data Ltd. company.

At the September RAINBOWFEST, held in Princeton, NJ (28-30), Dennis Lewandowski debuts his 128K upgrade. Other first timers include NOMAD the robot from Frank Hogg, GRAPHICOM II from WHITESMITH, and a graphics program and digitizer from GRAFX.

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The rumored takeover by a Spanish company, gives British Dragon users something to roar about.

TCCM's rumored demise proves correct. This is the third CoCo magazine to fold within the past year. The October issue is its last but, take heart because Dennis Kitsz announces the start of UNDERCOLOR (UCL for short) which will hit the stands in a month. Good luck Dennis!

Computerware begins marketing DON'T FORGET, and EUROHARD of Spain begins production of the Dragon computer in that country.

An auto-answer modem too expensive? Check out the November issue of RAINBOW and find out how to teach your Modem I to auto-answer. Bill & Sara Nolan sell Prickly-Pear Software to Mike & Joanne Chinitis. Good luck to all!

Rumors, rumors everywhere: Radio Shack has CoCo's with TRUE LOWERCASE (using the new Motorola 6847-TI VDG chip) which won't be released until after the holidays.

The better late than never, 26 page UNDERCOLOR magazine premiered in December with information about two "new" KOREAN CoCo II's featuring a 1.3 BASIC ROM.

Other new December arrivals included THE WIZARD from NEXUS which will modify Telewriter's character set, Dennis Lewandowski's 128K upgrade, the CALINDEX appointment scheduler from GRANTHAM SOFTWARE, a video digitizer

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from The Micro Works, and NOVASOFT (a Tom Mix company) arts marketing its CoCo goodies.

7000 people attend Britain's first 6809 COLOUR SHOW for DRAGON and TANDY users.

1985 started with a bang and whimper! The bang came from the debut of another CoCo milestone, COCOMAX from COLORWARE. The whimper is provided by rumors that Color Micro Journal is about to go "belly up".

The February RAINBOWFEST in Irvine, California (15-17) attracts 8,000 for a first-hand look at COCOMAX (250 sold). Product debuts include the P-51 MUSTANG ATTACK FLIGHT SIMULATOR from Tom Mix, the 68008 expansion card from RGS Micro Electronics, and a 15 key numeric keypad from MORETON BAY. Tandy sells 16K CoCo's for a mere \$50, a drop in the proverbial bit bucket.

Back to where it all started, CoCo information will start reappearing in 68 MICRO JOURNAL as rumors of COLOR MICRO JOURNAL's demise prove true. With this month's issue, CMJ joined Color Computer News, Chromasette, and The Color Computer Magazine as the fourth major CoCo publication to fold within the past 17 months.

March brought word that the "new" CoCo would be an exclusive OS-9 machine (no BASIC ROM) and would be in Radio Shack stores sometime between September '85 and March '86. - Callers to any of Bob Rosen's 4 bulletin boards in Woodhaven, New York are greeted, not by the usual high pitched carrier tone but, by a "disconnected" message. Bob has signed off the east coast boards. From one "guru" to another Bob, thanks for the memories.

On March 30-31, London is the scene of the second 6809 COLOUR SHOW for DRAGON and TANDY users. Looks like the DRAGON lives on.

April sees the release of two library offerings, the long awaited COMPLETE RAINBOW GUIDE TO OS-9, authored by DALE PUCKETT and PETER DIBBLE, plus, from our Canadian friends at DRAGONFLY WRITING, a cassette magazine called DIGInews For COCO.

Who says "you can never go home again"? Eleven months in San Jose was obviously long enough to make Bob Rosen realize how much he missed the hustle 'n bustle of the "big apple". Nice to have you back home Bob.

Found out from a friend of mine that R.G.S. Micro of Montreal : no longer on the planet. Seems they folded last month, leaving a lot of folks, who wanted to be the first on the block with the 68000 CPU board and other goodies, holding their joystick! What a

shame!! Early reports are that some of the RGS crew will attempt to hook up with DSS Peripherals of Farmingdale, NY. to complete (start?) some of the RGS projects. Good luck!

Good luck also to Spectral Associates. After 4 years, they withdraw from the CoCo support field. Their absence will be keenly felt.

In May, voice recognition for the CoCo becomes a reality when Speech Systems starts marketing its Electronic Audio Recognition System (EARS for short).

Rainbowfest celebrates its third anniversary with 3 fun-filled days & nights (17-19) in Chicago. Causing quite a stir is Steve Odneals fully portable CoCo, complete with disk drive and monitor. Although only a prototype, Steve uses the show to judge user interest.

In June, as the curtain descends on the CoCo's fourth year, so too does it fall on yet another Color Computer publication. This time it's Dennis Kitsz's "Under Color" which bites the dust! RIP.

Atlanta CoCoFest Review

By Brian Schubring

It's 7:15 am. 10 minutes till my alarm goes off. Too excited to wait, I get up and get ready to go to the Atlanta CoCoFest.

7:45, ready to go. Now I just have to wait for Tony and Dave. Do I have enough time for breakfast? Well if not I'll let my wife have it.

8:30. Breakfast's packed away, and the phone rings. It's Tony. Says he and Dave are almost ready to shove off from his house, and should be here soon. Time to wait!

10:15. Hooray!! They're here! Got on the road right away so we could meet up with Carl and Paul at the Lincoln Plaza Burger King. 11:10. Well, they're not here; must have moved on since they had to pick up someone in Indiana. "We're here so let's have a food break", remarks Tony.

11:45, On the road again, (Tony with a spare WHOPPER!). Ran into some heavy traffic, then got settled in for the long ride down. There was talk of computers, men and Hills of beans. How did that get in here? Well, ask Tony he'll fill you in. Dave just remembered Atlanta is an hour ahead. OK only an hour or two behind. About this time Tony starts counting how many bugs have given their guts to the cause of messing up Dave's windshields.

1:00, Gas and pit stop before the long haul through Indiana. Got going a few minutes later and started to fold and stuff the Colorful 'CoCo 123' covers with the August/September issue made especially for the CoCoFEST to hand out.

2:00. While trying to contact someone on the radio...our Great and Illuminated President - Tony Podraza - SMOKESthe CB. So much for trying to get a hold of Paul, or Carl. Then Tony decides to eat

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his remaining Whopper. During this time the jokes and riddles were flying. Most of which will cannot be printed here!

About two hours later we found ourselves about 20 miles out of Louisville, Ky. While coming upon a 'Diet Coke' truck and passing it, Tony held up a 'Pepsi' can against the window resulting in a blast of the truck's horn. Guess the driver didn't like that. So it's now time for a little rest.

6:30. (Ky. and Atlanta

time from now on), Stopped for dinner at a 'Jerry's' restaurant and had a good meal. Then Dave got some gas, while Tony cleaned the windshield of his Kamikaze bugs. On the road. It's 7:00. It's getting dark, and I'm trying to type on a non-backlit LCD screen. Sound familiar??

Tried to do a download from my laptop to Tony's, but to no avail. Oh well, maybe tomorrow. Best that he doesn't see this yet. We talked about things for the 'fest, joked and slept 'till we arrived at the hotel (except for Dave who drove all the way).

Got to the Holiday Inn about 1:00 am. Found my room (with Eddie Kuns) and finally got to sleep about 3:30. That's about all for the first day. 'Nite!

RRRRING!!! 7:00 came way to soon, but got up, I think. Got breakfast and then helped set up the area for the Glenside Club. Carl Boll was a little late but we got the NEW P.O.S. system up and running fast. In my opinion, I think the P.O.S. system was one of the things that impressed the people the most about the capabilities of the CoCo 3 at our booth. Here is the system: A Coco 3, multi-pak, floppy and hard drive system, a '4' output RS232 pak, running OS-9 L2, and 2 terminals. The system is able to work a total of '4' terminals plus the main key board. We had the system running the POS system on the 2 terminals and a Graphics program running on the main screen. I was even able to use my portable as a terminal (after a bit of fussing with the baud rate) as a third terminal. CoCo, the MIGHTY-MAX of the micro's! Slices, dices and does Windows at the same time!

As for the 'Fest itself, it was good. People showed up (Could have been more in my opinion), bought things, asked lots of questions, and inquired about the Glenside Club. Had 14 new members sign up, and a couple of renewals. Tony had a club meeting in the forum room, and brought the meeting to order with the CoCo Gavel. We had about 23-29 attendees during the meeting. Some of the things discussed was the form of the meetings we have in Illinois

At this 'Fest many things were learned. Friendships were made and remade stronger, by myself and others that attended...

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and some of the goals we hope to attain by bringing in new members from afar. There was also discussion about creating a database that holds the names of all the CoCo users in the country, and try to band the various clubs together so others can see the support ALL can give to others not knowing about us (all the clubs that is). This may be a realization of some of our goals in a nationwide net of 'People Helping People' and knowing where, and to whom one can turn to for help.

It had started to rain so that had cut down on the amount of people who had attended the 'Fest. But the thing I think we did find out was, WHO some of the inner core of the CoCo Community are going to be.

The 'Fest ended about 6:00, then some of us went and had dinner at the Fudruckers right by the hotel, Chris Hawks and his wife, Tony P., Ed Hathaway, Dave B., and myself to name a few.

Later that evening a bunch of us got together for a nitecap/bull session in the bar's lounge, including Tony, Dave Barnes, Chris and Nancy Hawks, Dave and Nancy Myers, Harlan Linke, Ed Hathaway, Erik Seielstad, Jim Snider, L.E. Padgett and Nan, Alan Dages, Newton White and myself.

Some things that were discussed was the possible, if not probable, Chicago CoCoFest, the outcome of things from Lonnie Falk, a new type of television Spank-O-Vision or something like that, you'll have to ask Dave or Tony about that one, and just good fellowship with others with the same interest in the CoCo.

During that interlude of fellowship the phrase "I KNOW DAVE" was spawned. As it turned out the bartender was originally from the Chicago area and told Dave that he'd seen him at some of the local Roselle-area establishments that he'd worked at. At that point, he started to name some of the bars and it turned out that Dave Barnes did attend some of those places. We and the bartender had some fun at Dave's expense but that made the night. That was the end of day two.

The next day wasn't as frantic as the day before, but it had seemed that more people from the surrounding area rather than from other states came in, but the rain still kept some others away. Some of the sales were in heated bartering and some great bargains were had. The club got for a total 25 new members and 8 renewals by the end of the CoCoFEST. As the day ended I felt a great deal was accomplished and learned by myself and others.

After the last sale, and all the vans and cars were loaded up (and Dave got himself a new CB), a group of us went to the 'Steak and Ale' restaurant for a last meal before shoving off to our homes. The people that attended the meal were Tony P., Dave Barnes, Chris and Nancy Hawks, Dave and Nancy Myers, Harlan Linke, Ed

Middle America CoCo Fest '93

Presented by "Mid Iowa & Country CoCo"

Saturday Breakfast 8:30 AM W/ Speakers (optional) \$7.00 RSVP

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The Place: Travel Lodge

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Several Color Computer Fests were successfully done in 92. Port Orchard, WA had a very successful Fest in June. Atlanta had an attendance of 200, plus vendors. This prompted my attention to the fact that a Fest could be held here in Des Moines, IA.

Well... not just another Fest.

Our national reach out and central location should assure full attendance with an attractive and fun filled Fest!

Card tables in a gymnasium just isn't the sort of fest people travel to and spend money at, nor is it our style. What we have put together is a high quality Fest, with an eye toward reasonable rates.

A quality hotel: The Ramada Inn with attractively displayed booths and plenty of walking and talking room. Speakers, start with the well known James Jones of Microware, OS-9 User Group President, Boisy Pitre, and Terry Simons, RSDOS. Others will follow to fill an attractive seminar schedule. This promises to be a well rounded Fest. With both heavy emphasis for the OS-9 enthusiast; with a good representation of RSDOS.

Seven months after the previous Fest in October 92, CoCo enthusiasts from all around will be looking forward to it!

This will total up to a fest you don't want to miss!

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Hathaway, Erik Seielstad, Jim Snider, Joel Hegberg, Eddie Kuns, Paul Jerkatis, Carl Boll, Scott Gripentrog, Zack Sessions, and myself. The meal was excellent, there were many happy tummies. During the meal a toast was made to all for a good 'Fest and willing friends to make it happen. The toasts were made, the food was eaten, and the good-byes were said. Then away we went. Not too much happened on the way back, 'cept Tony gave Dave some choice morsels of venison, (deer that is), to take home with him. Tony did help me stay awake with his SNORING...and we all drove and changed drivers when necessary. I got back home at 8:30

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and started to play with some of the things I had bought. All in all the 'Fest was a Great place to get the things one may need. But most of all, it was the people that came with their wares and their clubs, to help make this 'Fest what it is. Whether one has a CoCo 1,2, or 3, an MM/1, 68k machine, or what ever, it's people like US that make the clubs, and groups what it is.

At this 'Fest many things were learned. Friendships were made and remade stronger, by myself and others that attended. Lets all give a hand and thought of appreciation to those who make these times so worth while.

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Emoticons and Computer Speak

By Rogelio Perea

Emoticon, two words "fused" together: Emotion + Icon.

Please let me fill you in with some personal thoughts.

It wasn't until I saw this term in CompuServe Magazine that I began to understand those "weird" characters some people at BBS' use in one place or another..at first I thought it to be "phone line noise," but then, after reviewing some of the earlier "emoticon" work out there, I knew I was on to something BIG! A whole new world of ways to let some one else know a "state of the heart" through a medium that until a short time ago I thought only could communicate a "state of the mind" was begin opened right before my eyes at the computer monitor. Text writing has sure come a long way, from the first symbol carved on a rock, the first written language, the first typewriter, and of course, word processors... Now, as you know, the computer keyboard is somewhat awkward when it comes to message writing, this limitation is more present when you are communicating through a Modem. As the manual for the MC-10 Micro Color Computer (remember that gem?, it was my first computer) states at each command explanation: "... there has to be an easier way". And there is. Speed is an important factor to get a message through, and for that message to be well interpreted, it has to have emotion. Mmm!!, how can we implement both these features while using our computer keyboards? EMOTICONS and COMPUSPEAK!!.

So, to further illustrate this point, let me provide you with a very very small sample of what can be done with TEXT characters. By the way, Star Trek fans (count me in them) will be delighted with some of the offerings.....

Some Emoticons....

- (:-) Captain Picard
- :D A smile
-):# Really mad!!
- :{-}) Commander Ricker
- ;-) A wink
- <>:{() Lt. Worf or any other Klingon for that matter
- **:-) Counselor Troi
- #-) Lt. LaForge
- 8-) Spectacled dude (happy)
- 8-(Spectacled dude (sad or angry)
- [:-] Lt. Commander Data
- >:-) Spock
- {:-) William Shatner (Cptn. Kirk)
-):(-) Shatner in a high wind
- :o Small impression

Dear CoCo user,

We hope that you and yours had the happiest of holidays, and we join you in looking forward to a brand new year. Unfortunately, the outlook at CoCoPRO! is not as bright as we would hope. As many of you now, CoCoPRO! is a "mom & pop" business, solely operated by Nancy & myself (with the assistance of a part-time technician). Over the last three years, CoCoPRO! has been the only company in the world dedicated solely to supporting the CoCo. All of the other fine vendors in the marketplace over this period have either run their businesses part-time, or served other computer markets for their main source of income, while putting limited time into CoCo support. We believed strongly enough in the strength of the CoCo Community to devote full-time effort to supporting it, and depended on it solely for our livelihood.

During this time, we saw the dwindling support elsewhere, and channeled our energies and resources into both introducing several new products, as well as "picking up the slack", by making sure that many hardware and software products would continue to be available after being dropped by their original producers (such as Slotpaks, IBM Keyboard interfaces, etc.).

We also thought it to be quite important that national CoCo conferences continue to be held, and stepped into the void left by the discontinuance of the Rainbowfests by organizing and promoting the first three CoCofests (in conjunction with CoCo-supporting clubs). We are quite pleased that this resulted in a stronger feeling of self-sufficiency within the Community, by showing that large CoCo conventions could be successfully organized by smaller organizations and clubs; we are doubly pleased that this "new tradition continues", with no less than three regional fests currently being organized by CoCo clubs for this year.

Unfortunately, it appears that the time has come for us to find another means with which to keep a roof over our heads. 1992 was a year of both personal and financial setbacks for us, and revenues for the holiday season, despite widespread promotion and deep discounting, were quite disappointing; medical bills, author royalties and other business debts are unpaid, and efforts to develop other part-time revenue sources so that we could continue to run CoCoPRO! as a full-time operation have not yet borne fruit. In short, CoCoPRO! needs your help.

Despite the tone of this letter thus far, we're not asking for charity however; we've devised a plan in which everyone wins. If we all pull together and make this work, all of our authors and other creditors will be paid, the CoCo Community will benefit, and you will have a license to use over \$400 worth of high-quality commercial software, including access to source code for many of the programs, for only \$34!

Instead of just closing up shop, cutting our losses, and taking all our software with us (thus making it unavailable to those who could use and enjoy it, unless they chose to steal our property by making an illegal copy from a friend), we would prefer that it be made freely distributable at a modest cost. For those of you who have modems and use BBS services, you might recognize this form of distribution as -shareware', in which you may download and try a program, and in which you are expected to send the author a registration fee if you like and use the program. Shareware registrations usually run from \$10 to \$40 per program.

Unfortunately, studies have shown that less than 10% of the copies of shareware programs in use are ever registered and paid for. If we were to just release the 14 programs we own as shareware without advance licensing, it seems unlikely that this action would solve our current financial dilemmas. Hence, we propose a method which both saves money for the license purchaser (granting use of 14 programs for the price of one or two, if individually licensed) and ensures that we can solve our financial problem by actually receiving payment for these products that we invested both time and money in.

Here's the plan:

* We ask that you purchase at least \$30 of software from the list

provided, before Feb. 28, 1993.

* This purchase will include a license, subject to the restrictions listed below, to obtain and freely use all 14 commercial packages that we hold exclusive rights to, upon their release. This license will include personal use of the programs, as well as documentation on disk and source code where available.

* If over 33% of the CoCo users receiving this letter respond to this offer, then everyone wins, and the full collection of programs will be made available for download via password access to Jim's CoCo Corner BBS at (313) 292-4713, or via e-mail to your Delphi account. If over 40% respond, then the packages will be made freely available on major BBS' for download by all. For those who do not own modems or those who would prefer not to incur the downloading time and expense, you may order copies of the program packages via mail for a duplicating charge of only \$1 per disk, plus \$3 per order (no matter how many disks) for shipping & handling.

* If less than 33% of the CoCo users receiving this letter respond to this offer, then the programs unfortunately will not be released in this fashion, and all that you will receive is the software you ordered and paid for.

As you can see, if we all pitch in, we all can win. If enough of the Community responds, the entire Community can benefit by receiving well over \$400 worth of high-quality software for the price of one or two packages. However, if too many members of our community just "sit back and wait", hoping that enough other people take advantage of this incredible offer that they can get an even more incredible price (free), then no real benefit is gained by anyone.

Most of these software packages have received rave reviews from both Rainbow and those who have purchased them. And, for those who happen to have "borrowed" copies of one or more of these programs, this is an excellent opportunity to both receive the documentation (and in some cases, source code), as well as to gain legal use of those programs at an incredibly affordable price.

Our thanks to you both for your past patronage and for taking the time to read this.

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- <:O BIG impression
- B-) Robin (from the dynamic duo)

Some Compuspeak terms.....

- ASAP As soon as possible
- BCNU Be seein' you
- BRB Be right back
- BTW By the way
- FUBAR Fouled up beyond all recognition
- FWIW For what it's worth
- FYI For your information
- GR&D Grining, running and ducking
- IMO In my opinion
- IMHO In my humble opinion
- NBD No big deal
- OTOH On the other hand
- PDQ Pretty darn quick
- PITA Pain in the acronym
- OFL Rolling on floor laughing
- TIA Thanks in advance
- WYSIWYG What you see is what you get

Yes, there are a lot more. Perhaps other users can make their contribution by expanding the lists of emoticons and compuspeak terms listed above. The only limit for creation is imagination, and as far as I know, imagination has no limits..... Live long and prosper and BCNU....

Rogelio Perea A BIG fan of the following: Star Wars Star Trek Deep Star Nine Aliens Looney Tunes etc, etc, etc



From the Editor's Desk

WOW! Several issues have come and gone without the time (or room) for this column. Even now, I am running out of space for the pictures Tony Podraza took

at the Atlanta CoCoFest last year. I really wanted to put those pictures in this issue to compliment the excellent article from Brian Schubring. The pictures are very good, but lack contrast. This problem may prohibit us from actually being able to print them in the next issue. Perhaps we can figure out a way for everyone to see them. Right now our main concern is getting out the 'vendor packs' to the various CoCo vendors. Tickets have been designed and are in the works.

The club has done SO much for the CoCo community, it is rather amazing to think we will now be sponsoring our own CoCoFest! At this time there are just too many people to thank personally, so I guess a big THANK YOU GLENSIDE will have to do... Dave

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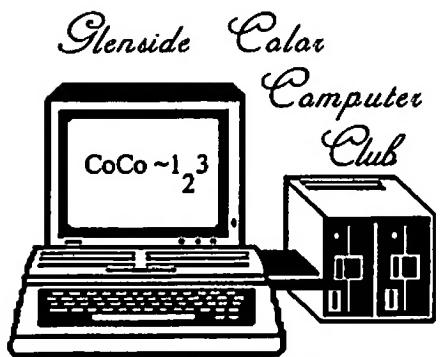
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